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Ryan P. McDermott currently serves as the Principal Director for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy (MIBP).

Prior to this role, Mr. McDermott served as the Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management & Comptroller). He planned and coordinated a team review process that initiated Army Financial Management Optimization (AFMO), the Army's main effort to fully leverage enterprise resource planning systems. The team was recognized for meritorious achievement by the American Society of Military Comptrollers. He also worked to improve budget execution efficiency by introducing private sector methods for analytics.

From 2010-2012, Mr. McDermott served as a senior financial analyst at Booz Allen Hamilton where he led the design of the firm's financial forecasting models used to provide earnings guidance to investors and inform capital planning. Prior to joining Booz Allen, Mr. McDermott was an associate at Evercore Partners, a boutique investment bank based in New York City, where he worked on a variety of corporate advisory assignments in the industrials, power and natural resources sectors.

From 2000-2006, Mr. McDermott served as an officer in the 3rd Infantry Division and led an infantry platoon into combat during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2003. Mr. McDermott's platoon secured the Coalition crossing point over the Euphrates River and was the first unit to reach the tarmac of Saddam International Airport in April of 2003. Upon returning from Iraq, Mr. McDermott served as the assistant brigade operations officer (plans) for the then newly-created 4th Brigade Combat Team that grew from a staff of less than 20 people into a combat-ready unit in less than six months. He completed his active duty service as a rear detachment commander, leading state-side family support and casualty affairs operations.

Among his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, Combat Infantryman Badge, Air Assault badge, Parachutist Badge and Ranger Tab.

Mr. McDermott is a graduate of the United States Military Academy. He holds a Master of Business Administration from the Darden Graduate School of Business and a Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.